

RESOLUTION NO. 652

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MARCH 22, 1988 TAX LEVY FOR CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, On March 22, 1988 the Clackamas Community College will submit a request to voters for an operating tax levy at the rate of \$1.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the tax rate for operating the college has been \$1.25 since 1981; and

WHEREAS, the college has reduced the request five cents from the \$1.37 requested at the November election, and has cut \$100,000 for staff salaries and \$200,000 for equipment and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the college educates more than 20,000 county residents annually, including one-third of the district's college-bound high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, college offers in job training, job upgrading, job placement, aid to small businesses, remedial education, freshman and sophomore college courses, and community interest classes;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Wilsonville endorses the Clackamas Community College rate-based tax levy approved by the Clackamas Community College Board of Education at its January 13, 1988 meeting.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a regular meeting thereof the 16th day of February, 1988 and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same day.

William E. Stark

WILLIAM E. STARK, Mayor

ATTEST:

VERA A . ROJAS, City Recorder


SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Stark	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Edwards	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Braymen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Clarke	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Jameson	<u>AYE</u>

CITY OF WILSONVILLE

MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council

FROM: Pete Wall
City Manager 

SUBJECT: Resolution - Clackamas Community College Levy

DATE: February 11, 1988

The material in the packet on the levy is fairly self-explanatory. Dr. John Keyser, President of Clackamas Community College, will attend our meeting to further explain the levy and answer any questions the Council may have.

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Friends of **Clackamas Community College**

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Gladstone, Oregon 97027
Dave Cady, Treasurer

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CITY OF WILSONVILLE

January 20, 1988

Pete Wall, Manager
City of Wilsonville
PO Box 220
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Pete:

The Clackamas Community College Board of Directors will submit a new two-year rate based levy request to voters in March. They have reduced the amount from the previous \$1.37 request by five cents, bringing the new rate from the current \$1.25 to \$1.32.

We are planning a more aggressive information campaign and we are also seeking endorsements from other Clackamas County elected boards.

If you feel it is appropriate, please take the attached resolution, or one that fits your format, to your board for approval at the next meeting.

I am also enclosing fact sheets for your information. Please let me know if you want more copies to distribute. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Keyser
President

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Enclosures

Q. Why is Clackamas Community College asking for a new tax levy?

A. CCC's current operating levy expires June 30. CCC has no tax base and is not protected by the "safety net." CCC must pass a new levy to continue operating.

Q. What is the amount of the levy?

A. This is a two-year, rate-base levy of \$1.32 per \$1000 assessed value. This means the operating rate is limited to a maximum of \$1.32 for the next two years (through June 30, 1990). The college estimates that this rate will produce \$8,588,223 in fiscal 1988-89 and \$9,017,635 in fiscal 1989-90.

Q. What will the money be used for?

The levy is for operating and maintaining the college only, not for new construction.

Q. How is this different from the November levy request?

A. This levy is a reduction of 5¢ per \$1000 from the first request. In order to do this, the college has cut \$300,000 from its budget, including \$100,000 for staff salaries and \$200,000 for equipment and maintenance.

Q. How is this different from the current levy?

A. The current operating rate, in effect since 1981, is \$1.25 per \$1000 assessed value. In addition, district residents currently pay 6¢ per \$1000 for college construction bonds passed in 1968. These will be retired in 1989.

Q. How much will it cost me?

A. If this levy is approved, the cost of operating the college to the average district property owner (assessed value: \$65,000) will total \$85.80 a year—about 23¢ a day. This amounts to an increase of \$4.55 per year.

Q. How do my taxes compare to other community college districts?

A. The average tax rate for Oregon community colleges offering a comparable level of service is \$1.65, and some exceed \$2. CCC has the second lowest tax rate of all six Willamette Valley community colleges, and will still be second lowest at \$1.32.

Q. Why do we need to increase the operating levy?

A. CCC's tax rate has not increased since 1981. The cost of providing educational services in Clackamas County has risen dramatically during that time. (The Portland area cost-of-living index is up nearly 17%.) Also, student enrollment has grown 13% in the past two years, putting increased demands on college resources. CCC cannot continue to meet the community's need for quality educational services on a 1981 tax rate.

Q. What is CCC doing to save my tax dollars?

A. CCC currently accounts for less than 6¢ of your property tax dollar, and CCC has made major cutbacks in order to hold the line on taxes. Since 1984, CCC has:

- * reduced administrative staff by 27%
- * reduced classified staff by 11%
- * dropped four athletic programs
- * scheduled a 9% tuition increase for the summer of 1988
- * cut an additional \$300,000 from the 1988-89 budget.

Q. Who benefits from CCC's services?

A. CCC educates more than 20,000 community residents each year, including one-third of the district's college-bound high school graduates. CCC provides high quality, low cost job training, job upgrading, job placement, freshman and sophomore college courses, remedial education, business assistance, second language skills, and personal enrichment classes to all members of the community.

Q. How important is CCC to the local economy?

A. CCC is playing a critical role in the economic recovery of Clackamas County. Last year, CCC

- * brought nearly \$7 million in outside revenue to Clackamas County, from sources such as grants, financial aid, and state reimbursement.
- * provided special employee training to the work force of the county's major employers, including Tektronix, Precision Castparts, Safeway, Stanley Proto Tool, United Grocers, and Omark Industries.

* provided start-up and management assistance to nearly 700 current and prospective small business owners.

* generated total expenditures of \$15.3 million in the local community from students, staff, and college business (non-payroll).

Q. How effective is a CCC education?

A. A survey of 1986 CCC graduates revealed the following:

- * 95% of those entering the job market are now productively employed.
- * 92% were satisfied or very satisfied with their experience at CCC.
- * CCC students transferring to four-year schools have been accepted at some of the nation's most prestigious institutions, including Johns Hopkins, Reed, UCLA, USC, University of Washington, and all public and private Oregon colleges and universities.

Q. When is the election?

A. This is a mail-in election. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on March 4 and must be returned to the County Elections Office by March 22. To receive a mail-in ballot, you must be registered by March 1. (For more information about voter registration, contact the Clackamas County Elections Office, 825 Portland Ave., Gladstone, OR 97027, or phone 655-8510.)

Q. Where can I get more information about the levy?

A. If you have any questions about the levy, the budget, or the college, please call President John Keyser at 657-8400, ext. 405.

This information furnished by the Clackamas Community College Board of Education.